


The Director of Central Intelligence

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The Honorable Margaret M. Heckler
The Secretary of Health and Human Services
Department of Health and Human Services
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Madam Secretary:

I am enclosing a copy of the National HUMINT Collection Plan on International Narcotics for your personal review. The Plan is based on the conclusions and recommendations of the narcotics intelligence community and was developed under the general auspices of the National Intelligence Officer for Narcotics. Its essential purpose is to provide broad intelligence collection guidance for the Intelligence Community consistent with my duties and responsibilities to the President and the National Security Council as detailed in Executive Order 12333.

The Plan also provides advisory tasking of US Government organizations which are not part of the National Foreign Intelligence Program (NFIP). As you may know, several non-NFIP agencies have taken a strong interest in the Plan's development including the Drug Enforcement Administration, US Coast Guard, Customs, AID, USIA, and the State INM Bureau.

I am convinced that the National Institute for Drug Abuse (NIDA) can provide a significant contribution to the overall effort against the narcotics target. I would appreciate a written description of NIDA's ability to respond to collection objectives for which it has accepted responsibility, specifically those regarding statistical narcotics data as detailed in objectives 8 and 11.

In conclusion, I would like to stress that it is of the utmost importance to be able to assure responsible members of the Executive and Legislative Branches that the priority the President attaches to the narcotics issue has been communicated directly to both intelligence and non-intelligence elements of the US Government. The attached HUMINT collection study represents a concerted effort by the Intelligence Community to meet this objective. It


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will require, however, your strong support and active participation for its effective implementation. In this regard, I know I can count on your personal lead.

Sincerely,

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John N. McManon
Acting Director

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